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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 19, 2003, in which restriction has been required, applicants hereby elect the invention identified as Group I, i.e. claims 2, 6, 8 and 20 and further, the compound of Example 12 as a single disclosed species.

Applicants await the Official Action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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